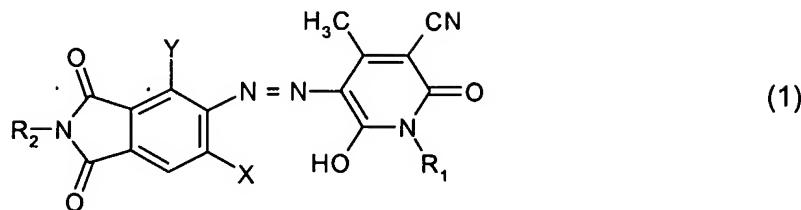


1. (original): A dye of formula



wherein R₁ is C₁-C₁₂alkyl or -C_nH_{2n}-(OCH₂CH₂)_m-OR₃, n being a number from 2 to 8, m being a number from 0 to 4 and R₃ being C₁-C₁₂alkyl, C₆-C₂₄aryl or C₆-C₂₄aralkyl,

R₂ is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, n-butyl, 2-methoxyethyl or 2-ethoxyethyl,

X is halogen and

Y is hydrogen, chlorine or bromine.

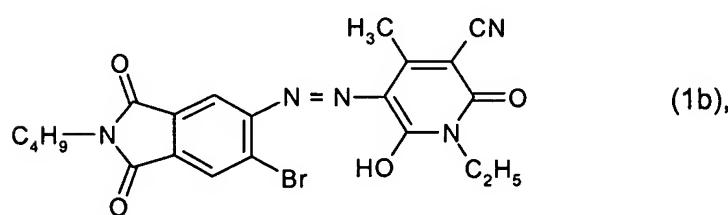
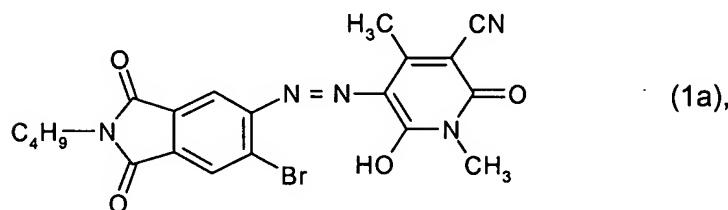
2. (original): A dye of formula (1) according to claim 1, wherein R₁ is methyl, ethyl or n-butyl.

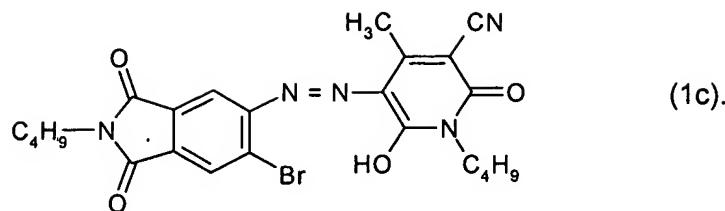
3. (currently amended): A dye of formula (1) according to ~~either claim 1 or claim 2~~, wherein R₂ is n-butyl.

4. (currently amended): A dye of formula (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein X is bromine.

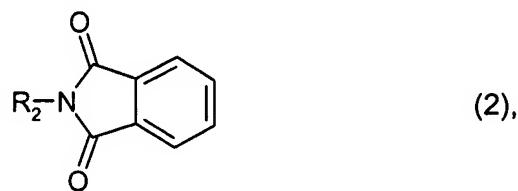
5. (currently amended): A dye of formula (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein Y is hydrogen.

6. (original): A dye of formula (1a), (1b) or (1c)



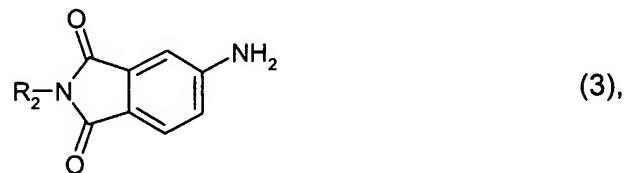


7. (original): A process for the preparation of a dye of formula (1) according to claim 1, which comprises nitration of a phthalimide of formula



wherein R₂ is as defined in claim 1,

in the acid range, followed by alkylation of the resulting nitro compound and, by means of a reductive treatment, conversion into an intermediate of formula



halogenation of the intermediate of formula (3) in an acid medium and then diazotisation and coupling to a pyridone compound of formula (4)



wherein R₁ is as defined in claim 1.

8. (original): A dye mixture comprising at least two structurally different dyes of formula (1) according to claim 1.

9. (currently amended): A process for dyeing or printing semi-synthetic or synthetic hydrophobic fibre materials, in which process a dye of formula (1) according to claim 1 or a dye mixture according to claim 8 is applied to the said materials or incorporated into them.

10. (cancelled).

11. (currently amended): A semi-synthetic or ~~especially~~ synthetic hydrophobic fibre material, ~~more especially a textile material~~, dyed or printed by the process according to claim 9.

12. (new): A method of dyeing or printing semi-synthetic or synthetic hydrophobic fibre materials, which comprises contacting said fiber materials with at least one dye of formula (1) according to claim 1.